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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TRIZO REPORTING

REF: (A) STATE 230305; (B) MEXICO 11656

1. RE PARA ONE STATE 230305, "CROPS" BEING USED IN TRIZO REPORTING VICE "FIELDS" TO AVOID QUANDARY GENERATED LAST YEAR OVER HOW TO COUNT A FIELD WHICH, ONCE DESTROYED, WAS REPLANTED. LAST YEAR'S METHOD, IN WHICH "FIELDS" WERE REPORTED, LED SOME TO BELIEVE DOUBLE COUNTING WAS PREVALENT. TO AVOID REPETITION THIS YEAR, MISSION PERSONNEL DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH VISITORS FROM DEPARTMENT AND DEA HEADQUARTERS IN EARLY AUGUST AND AGREED THAT WE WOULD COUNT "CROPS" DESTROYED. THUS, A DESTROYED FIELD CONTAINING POPPIES WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A "CROP". IF A FARMER REPLANTS THE FIELD AND THIS SECOND "CROP" IS DESTROYED, TRIZO REPORTING WOULD COUNT THE DESTRUCTION OF TWO CROPS EVEN THOUGH THE SAME SURFACE AREA IS INVOLVED.

2. RE PARA TWO STATE 230305, MEXICO 11656 STATED THAT FALL PHASE OF "TRIZO" WOULD TERMINATE ON NOV. 22, WHEN DEA TDY PERSONNEL SCHEDULED TO DEPART. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT "TRIZO" IS THE NAME FOR A U.S.G. OPERATION INVOLVING THE PRESENCE OF U.S.G. PERSONNEL, BUT
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THAT IT IS NOT RPT NOT IDENTICAL TO THE MEXICAN ERADICA-

TION CAMPAIGN. THE MEXICAN ERADICATION EFFORT WILL
INDEED, WE ARE ASSURED, CONTINUE TO MID-DECEMBER, BREAK
FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND THEN RESUME IN EARLY
JANUARY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT U.S.G. PERSONNEL
ARE PRESENT TO MONITOR THE WORK, JUST AS THE GOM
ERADICATED POPPIES IN GUERRERO DURING AUGUST BEFORE
U.S.G. TDY PERSONNEL ARRIVED. THUS, MEXICAN ATTORNEY
GENERAL NOW SPEAKS OF A "PERMANENT ERADICATION CAMPAIGN"
AGAINST BOTH POPPIES AND MARIJUANA WITH EFFORT CONCEN-
TRATED AGAINST WHICHEVER PRODUCT IS MOST PREVALENT
DURING A GIVEN PERIOD. (HOWEVER, WORKING LEVEL GOM
OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD CONFIRM THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
HAS INSTRUCTED THEM TO GIVE PRIORITY TO POPPY RATHER
THAN MARIJUANA DESTRUCTION WHENEVER POPPIES ARE LOCATED).

3. ONCE WE HAVE SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE TO JUDGE THE NEED
FOR DEA TDY PRESENCE THROUGH MID-DECEMBER, WE WILL,
AS SUGGESTED IN STATE 230305, DISCUSS ISSUE WITH GERTZ
AND ADVISE.
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